

Assembly Legislative Committee: 2023-2024 Plan

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Committee Description

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The Assembly Legislative Committee provides guidance **to the Assembly and the Administration** and recommendations regarding the Municipality's federal, state, and local legislative priorities. The Committee prepares recommendations for the Municipality's six-year capital program and budget priorities, as well as **potential statute changes**, and collaborates with the Administration to create the Anchorage Legislative Program submitted annually to the State Legislature. The Committee also serves as a forum for review and deliberation of **statute changes** and other legislation and policies that impact the Municipality, and Anchorage as a whole. **Individual members may work with the committee** on communication of district-level priorities and engaging with other levels of government.

2023 Goals

The committee's work directly contributes to achieving these 3 broader goals.

1. Administration and Assembly work collaboratively to develop Leg. Program with shared priorities, and which are strategic and focused to our needs.
2. Approve 2024 Legislative Program at November 21 or December 5, 2023 regular meeting.
Code requirements: Program must be introduced before the budget is passed, and must be passed by December 10
3. Assembly and Mayor jointly host the Anchorage Delegation for a working lunch to present and discuss the Municipality's legislative priorities.

2023 Schedule and Legislative Program Timeline

Includes work of this committee, and related Assembly efforts to inform the Legislative program.

Month	Meetings and Key Deadlines
August 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8/3: Legislative Committee meeting. Introduced timeline and goals• 8/25: CIP work session #1. Identified current process for CIP priorities, clarifying state versus local (bond) priorities.• 8/29: Assembly Complex Behavioral Health Task Force Summit, identified opportunities for State investment and partnership.
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9/8: Worksession on FY24 Budget 120-Day Memo; request for members' preliminary individual district priorities for Leg. program• 9/21: Leg. Committee Meeting. Review, discuss preliminary draft of Leg. program – top priorities, citywide requests, district requests. Identify committees & members to lead drafting for specific priorities.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10/5: Assembly Chair, Leg. Committee Chair meeting with Anc. Delegation for initial presentation & discussion on top-level priorities.• 10/11: Leg. Committee Meeting. Continue to refine Leg. program content, work collaboratively to refine district-level asks. <u>Tentative</u> update from BlankRome Group, federal lobbyist, on status of federal priorities. <i><u>Tentative</u> committee vote to endorse Leg. program, direct staff to prepare. Otherwise, will shift this to an early November committee meeting.</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/13: Worksession on FY24 Operating and Capital Budgets.
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/7: Regular Assembly meeting. <u>Tentative</u> deadline for introducing Leg. program, for approval on 11/21. <i>Must be submitted by 10/26 for regular agenda, 11/2 for addendum. Must be introduced before budget is passed, which is planned for 11/21.</i> • 11/21: Regular Assembly meeting. <u>Tentative</u> approval vote for Leg. program. <i>FY24 MOA Budget anticipated to be voted on in this meeting as well. If Leg. program must be introduced at 11/21 meeting, must be before budget vote.</i>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12/1: <u>Tentative</u> date for Anchorage Delegation, Mayor and Assembly event. • 12/5: Regular meeting. Back-up deadline for Leg. program approval vote. Also back-up date for passing FY24 MOA Budget. • 12/10: Deadline in code to adopt Leg. program (AMC 2.10.075)
2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (<u>Tentative</u> schedule) Brief monthly committee meetings for legislative updates, briefings on pending legislation, coordination about Assembly • Mid-Jan: 33rd Legislature, 2nd Regular Session start • Feb: AML Winter Conference in Juneau, Municipality-hosted event • Mid-Apr: 2nd Regular Session, 90-day mark, possible adjournment • Mid-May: 2nd Regular Session, 120-day mark, required adjournment